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Dear Reader,

Many of you may have heard about the big changes going on in the business end of comics. DC is committed to making these changes positive for everyone concerned, especially the comics readers and retailers who have supported us for so long. It's you who keep us in business, and we're not about to forget that.

Sometimes we have to make tough decisions. And so it's with no small regret we announce that this is the last regular issue of DIRECT CURRENTS.

The good news is that information and art for each month's lineup of DC books and specialty products is already available in *Previews*. *Previews* is available at comics specialty stores wherever DC comics are sold. Best of all, the DC section of *Previews* (curently entitled COMING COMICS) will soon be retitled DIRECT CURRENTS, with *more* information and *more* art available *much* sooner!

And for those who in the U.S. and Canada with a computer and a modem, don't forget that this same information is available 24 hours a day through DC COMICS ONLINE, via America Online, along with a wide array of other features available nowhere else.

Those of us who've worked on DIRECT CURRENTS thank you for your support over the years. It's been fun. But we shed no tears. The best is yet to come!

All our best,

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In the DC Universe, evil is known by many names: Darkseid, The Joker, Luthor, Bane, Monegul, The Mist, Trigon, Kobra, and countless others. But beyond them all is an even greater evil — a being whose name, hidden until now, will soon be carved in fire across the minds and souls of villains and heroes alike: **Neron**. To some he will be the ultimate adversary; to others, the ultimate opportunity as Earth becomes engulfed in the 3-issue miniseries **UNDERWORLD UNLEASHED.**

The indelible team of writer Mark Waid (FLASH, IMPULSE, and the upcoming KINGDOM COME), penciller Howard Porter (THE RAY) and inker Dan Green (*X-Men, Weapon X*) tell the story of Neron, an entity of immeasurable demonic power whose presence permanently amplifies evil in the DC Universe. He's first and foremost a tempter, a deal-maker, possessing an insatiable hunger for souls to corrupt. And the souls of heroes are the ones he most craves.

Earth's villains are the key. By fulfilling their desires for wealth, power, and information, Neron secures his pawns. Soon the world comes under siege by supercharged villains waging all-out war, forcing Earth's ever-more desperate heroes into circumstances in which they can stop the evil only by making their own deals with Neron.

The effects of UNDERWORLD UNLEASHED aren't confined to the miniseries. Events continue to unfold in the pages of many DC Universe titles during September and October. In addition, four special one-shot projects tied into UNDERWORLD UNLEASHED explore the consequences of Neron's diabolical machinations. The first of these is **UNDERWORLD UNLEASHED: APOKOLIPS — DARK UPRISING**, shipping in September. Other special UNDERWORLD UNLEASHED tie-ins include the one-shots BATMAN — DEVIL'S ASYLUM, ABYSS — HELL'S SENTINEL, and PATTERNS OF FEAR, all shipping in October. Best of all, the event is designed so you can enjoy any or all of these tie-ins and one-shots (and that's a better deal than you're likely to get from Neron!).

And just to make things REALLY enticing, the three issues of the UNDERWORLD UNLEASHED miniseries will feature a fluorescent fifth color ink, both for the cover AND for the interior pages, used in a manner that enhances the overall story.

It's UNDERWORLD UNLEASHED... and all hell is breaking loose!

UNDERWORLD UNLEASHED MINISERIES

SHIPPING 9/5
UNDERWORLD UNLEASHED #1

SHIPPING 10/3
UNDERWORLD UNLEASHED #2

SHIPPING 10/31
UNDERWORLD UNLEASHED #3

UNDERWORLD UNLEASHED TIE-INS

SHIPPING 9/5
AQUAMAN #14
AZRAEL #10
DAMAGE #18
GREEN ARROW #102
GUY GARDNER: WARRIOR #36
MANHUNTER #12

SHIPPING 9/12
EXTREME JUSTICE #10
FLASH #107
PRIMAL FORCE #13
THE SPECTRE #35

SHIPPING 9/19
GREEN LANTERN #68
HAWKMAN #26
JUSTICE LEAGUE AMERICA #105
R.E.B.E.L.S. '95 #13
STARMAN #13

SHIPPING 9/26
DETECTIVE COMICS #691
FATE #13
IMPULSE #8
THE RAY #18
STEEL #21

SHIPPING 10/3
CATWOMAN #27
DAMAGE #19
GREEN ARROW #103
GUY GARDNER: WARRIOR #37
LOBO #22
ROBIN #23

SHIPPING 10/10
BATMAN #525
EXTREME JUSTICE #11
FATE #14
LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES #75
PRIMAL FORCE #14
SUPERBOY #22
THE SPECTRE #36

SHIPPING 10/17
GREEN LANTERN #69
HAWKMAN #27
JUSTICE LEAGUE AMERICA #106

SHIPPING 10/24
ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #530
DETECTIVE COMICS #692
JUSTICE LEAGUE TASK FORCE #30

SHIPPING 10/31
LEGIONNAIRES #32
SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF TOMORROW #3
THE RAY #19

UNDERWORLD UNLEASHED SPECIALS

SHIPPING 9/19
UNDERWORLD UNLEASHED: APOKOLIPS — DARK UPRISING

SHIPPING 10/3
UNDERWORLD UNLEASHED: BATMAN — DEVIL'S ASYLUM

SHIPPING 10/17
UNDERWORLD UNLEASHED: ABYSS — HELL'S SENTINEL

SHIPPING 10/24
UNDERWORLD UNLEASHED: PATTERNS OF FEAR

Night of the Villains!

Underworld Unleashed

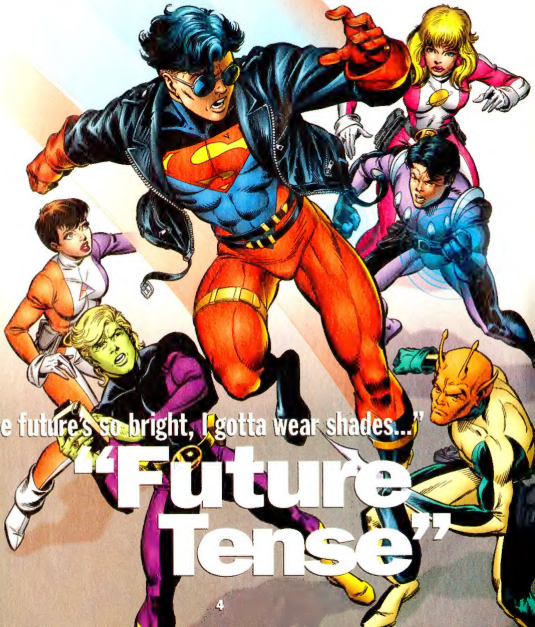
Direct Currents ON SALE IN SEPTEMBER

It's a blast to the past and back to the future as another classic DC tradition is given a modern twist when Superboy meets the Legion of Super-Heroes for the first time. **"Future Tense" is a centuries-spanning 3-part crossover this month in SUPERBOY #21, LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES #74, and LEGIONNAIRES #31.**

When Brainiac 5 learns that the 20th-century hero Valor is dying, the Legionnaires mount a rescue mission and travel back in time. But the heroes from the future can't save Valor without the help of Superboy, another young hero whom they've never met, and who thinks the Legion is the latest gang of villains to hit Hawaii. Then the 30th century gets an eyeful when Superboy is forcibly yanked through time and into the bewildering future world of the Legionnaires, where his help is needed to stop his old, *old* adversary, the Scavenger.

"Future Tense" is a joint project by writer Karl Kesel (SUPERBOY), and writers Tom Peyer and Tom McCraw (LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES, LEGIONNAIRES). Artists Tom Grummett and Doug Hazlewood draw SUPERBOY; Lee Moder and Ron Boyd illustrate LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES; and, Jeffrey Moy and W.C. Carani draw LEGIONNAIRES.

"Future Tense"...Teenagers don't waste time; they surf it!



"The Trial of Superman"

beginning in SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL #50

A fast-paced, thrill-packed megastory begins in the extra-sized **SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL #50, Part 1 of "The Trial of Superman."** This saga offers action, intrigue, guest stars and surprise villains galore, and runs through all the Superman books for three months!

The excitement starts faster than a speeding bullet in SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL #50, a special 48-page issue by the solid steel team of writer Louise Simonson and artists Jon Bogdanove and Dennis Janke. His powers drained by the Parasite, Superman is taken into custody to stand trial before an intergalactic tribunal, charged with the destruction of Krypton! Found guilty, Superman is imprisoned with hordes of interstellar criminals and must face the ramifications of a daring jailbreak, and certain death in the kryptonite-laden nebula that was once his home planet. And if that isn't enough, Superboy, Supergirl, Steel, the Eradicator, and Alpha Centurion join forces to find the missing Man of Steel in a deadly space odyssey against one of their most lethal adversaries.

"The Trial of Superman"...can he really be guilty? You be the judge!

ON SALE IN SEPTEMBER

ELSEWORLDS

In a not-too-distant future, Bruce Wayne is dead, a casualty in his own lifelong war against the evil that preyed upon Gotham City. Filling the void is a strange league of new Batmen — Dark Knights in diverse costumes who have crushed crime throughout the city and conquered Gotham for the sinister purposes of their master: Ra's al Ghul!

Inspired from the designs included in August's BATMAN: KNIGHTGALLERY, **BATMAN: BROTHERHOOD OF THE BAT** is an *Elseworlds* one-shot about the one, true heir to the mantle of the Bat and his crusade to take back Gotham. Hunting all pretenders to the name of Batman, the challenger encounters one shocking incarnation of the Dark Knight after another, fighting his way through a gauntlet of leather wings to reach the demonic mastermind behind the corruption of Batman's legacy.

BROTHERHOOD OF THE BAT is written by Doug Moench (BATMAN) with pencil art by many of KNIGHTGALLERY's contributors, including Jim Aparo, Jim Balent, Bret Blevins, Norm Breyfogle, Vince Giarrano, Tom Grummett, Mike Manley, and Graham Nolan, with each artist illustrating the costume variant he designed. Josef Rubinstein inks the entire one-shot.

BATMAN: BROTHERHOOD OF THE BAT... They have forgotten fear. One Dark Knight will remind them.

Batman: Brotherhood of the Bat

As *The Adventures of Batman and Robin* animated series returns to weekday afternoons on Fox TV, DC relaunches its popular comic book based on the award-winning cartoon with a new title and a new #1 issue. **THE BATMAN AND ROBIN ADVENTURES** is by animated series writer/producer Paul Dini, writer/penciller Ty Templeton and inker Rick Burchett, a creative combination certain to maintain the storytelling excellence and sheer fun that made the original BATMAN ADVENTURES one of the best comics around.

Following the lead of Warner Bros.' *Batman Forever* motion picture, THE BATMAN AND ROBIN ADVENTURES kicks off with a 2-part Two-Face story in issues #1 and #2, and a self-contained Riddler story in issue #3. Subsequent issues have Batman and Robin tangling with the Penguin, Poison Ivy, The Joker, Harley Quinn, Man-Bat, Mr. Freeze and others, with occasional guest appearances by Batgirl — all written and rendered in a style designed to complement the animated show.

THE BATMAN AND ROBIN ADVENTURES...the coolest super-hero cartoon is still the coolest comic book!

Missed it the first time around? Now's your chance to find out why everbody's been racing to get THE FLASH since "Terminal Velocity." Mark Waid's runaway best-selling storyline is now available in one sensational volume, reprinting the Scarlet Speedster's most astounding adventure from issues #0 and #95-100.

During ZERO HOUR the Flash first achieved the speed of light, and in so doing was flung headlong on an odyssey of self-rediscovery. He encountered for the first time the mysterious force on the Other Side of Light, a strange energy that in time would cause him to transcend all previous limits, transforming Wally West into the quintessential fusion of humanity and velocity.

With the sensational art of Mike Wieringo, Salvador Larrocca, Oscar Jimenez, Carlos Pacheco, Jose Marzan Jr., and Sergio Borjas, TERMINAL VELOCITY is a fast-paced story driven as much by its well-developed characters and shocking revelations as it is by the explosive action in every chapter. Co-starring Impulse, Max Mercury, Johnny and Jesse Quick, and the Golden Age Flash, **TERMINAL VELOCITY** has everything you're looking for: a great story with great art, uniting DC's rich history with its riveting continuity.

THE FLASH: TERMINAL VELOCITY...Who says lightning can't strike twice?

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What a rush! THE FLASH:

Terminal Velocity

SUPERMAN: AT EARTH'S END offers a chilling look at a post-apocalyptic *Elseworlds* future where mutations run wild, and a white-maned Man of Steel has begun a fight for the memory of one of his oldest allies — Bruce Wayne. If he fails, a new scourge will sweep across the Earth: a nightmare army of bat-men, created from the remains of a hero long dead.

When Superman comes to Gotham City to save its remaining residents from mutated genetic engineers, the battle brings the combatants to the ruins of the Batcave...and the remains of the Dark Knight. Determined to prevent inhuman experimentation on Bruce Wayne's body, Superman fights an all-out war against mad geneticists and their monstrous constructs. This *Elseworlds* one-shot is written by Tom Veitch (ANIMAL MAN, *Star Wars: Dark Empire*) with art by Frank Gomez (KAMANDI: AT EARTH'S END).

SUPERMAN: AT EARTH'S END...the Man of Steel will save the world over Batman's dead body!

A war to wake the dead! SUPERMAN:

At Earth's End

ON SALE IN SEPTEMBER

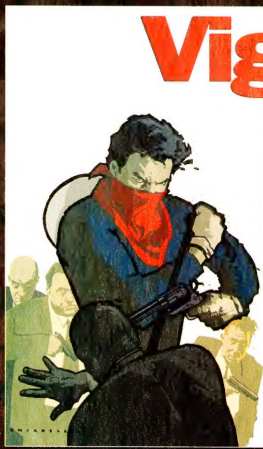
STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION —

Ill Wind

An alien head of state is one of the competitors in the Federation Cup, a race of solar sailing craft being monitored by the *Starship Enterprise*™. But sinister forces have a political agenda that threatens not only the outcome of the race, but the very life of the leader. It falls to Captain Picard and his crew to avert disaster and to unlock the the secret lurking within a nearby star in **STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION — ILL WIND**. This 4-issue miniseries is written by *Star Trek* novelist Diane Duane *(My Enemy, My Ally; Doctor's Orders)* and illustrated by Deryl Skelton and Tim Tuohy, with painted covers by Hugh Fleming.

Vigilante

High Noon in the Golden Age



Hot writer James Robinson (STARMAN, THE GOLDEN AGE, *WildC.A.T.S*), offers another bold vision of the seminal era of heroes that have inspired his most popular works. **VIGILANTE: CITY LIGHTS, PRAIRIE JUSTICE** is a 4-issue miniseries about the motorcyle-riding, crime-fighting cowboy of the Golden Age and the all-out, two-fisted war he waged against that era's legendary crimelord, Bugsy Siegel. Filled with a smoky, *film noir* atmosphere and hard-boiled, six-gun action illustrated by artist Tony Salmons *(Dr. Strange, Marvel Fanfare)*, VIGILANTE also features painted covers by Mark Chiarello (BATMAN & HOUDINI: THE DEVIL'S WORKSHOP).

WONDER WOMAN STATUE

DC continues its series of fine collectible statues with this beautiful figure of DC's Avenging Amazon, designed and sculpted by Joe DeVito. Each hand-painted statue is made of cold-cast porcelain and depicts Wonder Woman emerging triumphantly above the clouds. $150.00 U.S./$215.00 CAN/$115 PS 9/19.

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The following comics creators are scheduled to appear on DC COMICS ONLINE during September:

MARK WAID
WRITER,
UNDERWORLD UNLEASHED, FLASH, IMPULSE
Week of September 5

PAUL DINI
WRITER, **THE BATMAN AND ROBIN ADVENTURES**
Week of September 5

KARL KESEL & TOM McCRAW
CO-WRITERS,
"FUTURE TENSE"
Week of September 30

LOUISE SIMONSON
WRITER, **SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL**
Week of September 30

These events are open to over two million *America Online* subscribers, although space is limited in each case to the first 5000 members who arrive online. After the live events, transcripts will be available on DC COMICS ONLINE, along with the regular array of news, previews, interviews, graphics, and message boards, available seven days a week.

Anyone with a computer and a modem interested in participating in DC COMICS ONLINE (through *America Online*) can call 1-800-203-2400 in the U.S. and Canada for a free starter kit that includes ten free hours online.

FOR EXACT DATES AND TIMES, CHECK DC COMICS ONLINE.

ON SALE IN SEPTEMBER

ACTION COMICS #715

W=MICHELINIE P=E.KANE
I=BODIER C=DWYER/RODIER
L=CARLSON/CARLIN
C=MIRAWEEK ■ $1.95

A crazed Parasite battles Superman and drains the Man of Steel of his powers. This issue leads into SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL #50, the beginning of "The Trial of Superman."

AQUAMAN #14

W=DAVID P=EGELAND I=SHUM
L=CALAFIORE/McKENNA
E=DOOLEY
F=STANDARD ■ $1.75

An UNDERWORLD UNLEASHED tie-in: A more powerful Major Disaster sets out to succeed where countless other villains have failed — to kill Aquaman.

AZRAEL #10

W=O'NEIL P=KITSON I=J.PASCOE
C=KITSON/J.PASCOE
E=GOODWIN
C=MIRAWEEK ■ $1.95

An UNDERWORLD UNLEASHED tie-in: Shortly after Neron makes a dangerously compelling offer, Batman and Robin are challenged by the armored Azrael version of the Dark Knight. Special cameos by Lady Shiva and Vic Sage.

BABYLON 5: #10

W=GERROLD P=QUAY I=BRYANT
E=QUAY/BRYANT L=HITCHCOCK
C=FRACOTE ■ $2.50

Part 2 of "Lasar-Mirror-Starweb": Ambassador G'Kar and Garibaldi are trapped in the core of Babylon 5, as Captain Sheridan races to save them and stop a Narn assassination at the same time.

CATWOMAN #26

W=A.GRANT P=BALENT
I=BOB SMITH L=BALENT
E=O'NEIL
C=MIRAWEEK ■ $1.95

Part 2 of "The Secret of the Universe," continued from BATMAN: SHADOW OF THE BAT #43: Batman chases Catwoman into the sewers, where the Ratcatcher is about to unleash thousands of mutated rats upon Gotham City. Concludes in BATMAN: SHADOW OF THE BAT #44, also shipping this month.

DAMAGE #18

W=JOYNER P=MARIMON
I=HILLSMAN
E=MARINO/HILLSMAN
C=SPIVEY
F=MANDO ■ $2.25

An UNDERWORLD UNLEASHED tie-in: On the run from the Titans and the media, Damage has his hands full when he's forced to battle the more deadly Copperhead.

DEATHSTROKE #53

W=JOYNER
P=ZIMMERMAN/MIKE COLLINS
I=SHOULTZ E=S.CARIELLO
L=SPIVEY
F=MANDO ■ $2.25

Part 1 of "The Borgia Plague": Deathstroke is called upon to stop an assassination plot against the U.S. President and all those who might succeed him.

GREEN ARROW #102

W=DIXON P=DAMAGGIO
I=CAMPANELLA
E=DAMAGGIO/CAMPANELLA
L=VINCENZO
F=MANDO ■ $2.25

An UNDERWORLD UNLEASHED tie-in: the new Green Arrow battles a drug lord supercharged by Neron with the deadly power of Tezcatlipoca, the Aztec jaguar god.

GUY GARDNER: WARRIOR #36

W=BEAU SMITH C=CAMPOS
I=D.DAVIS E=BANKS
L=BERGANZA
F=STANDARD ■ $1.75

An UNDERWORLD UNLEASHED tie-in: The *Warriors* bar may become smoldering ash when Guy Gardner's evil clone battles the newly empowered Cheetah, Earthworm and Blackguard, who've come to raise hell in Neron's name.

HARDWARE #33

W=ROZUM P=BATTLE C=CHAYKIN
I=M.WAYNE
F=FRACOTE ■ $2.50

All Milestone covers this month are illustrated by Howard Chaykin. The new regular creative team of writer John Rozum and artist Eric Battle begins an exciting new chapter for HARDWARE as Curtis Metcalf's Hard Company is infiltrated by a super-powered cyborg with a bizarre secret.

LOBO #21

W=A.GRANT E=O'NEILL I=O'NEILL
L=RASPLER
F=MANDO ■ $2.25

When Lobo's best "hog" is shot out from under him, he has no choice but to hail a cab. But little does he realize the dangers within its alien, disease-infested passenger. Guest artist: Kevin O'Neill, and guest-starring The Space Cabby!

MAD MAGAZINE #340

WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY THE USUAL GANG OF IDIOTS.
48 PP. ■ B&W MAGAZINE
$1.99/$2.50 CAN

More fun than flesh-eating bacteria, it's the newest issue of America's Favorite Humor Magazine! There's no therapy, no cure! Once you've got it, it's with you for life, so you may as well spread it around!

MANHUNTER #12

W=S. GRANT E=GIARRANO
I=GIARRANO L=THORSLAND
F=MANDO ■ $2.25

An UNDERWORLD UNLEASHED tie-in: Manhunter must stop a supercharged Psycho-Pirate who has become a psychic vampire feeding on the sanity of his victims. *Final issue.*

ROBIN #22

W=DIXON P=WIERINGO I=WOCH
E=WIERINGO/AUSTIN C=O'NEIL
C=MIRAWEEK ■ $1.95

Part 2 of "Ninja Camp": Robin learns that the boys' camp for would-be ninjas is being used to recruit thieves, and becomes trapped by the gang leader, Dragoncat.

SHOWCASE '95 #10

W=ORDWAY/VARIOUS
E=STERN/VARIOUS
L=OTTOLINI/VARIOUS
C=FRENZ/JANKE I=PITTARESE
48 PP. ■ 32-ISSUE STANDARD MINISERIES ■ $2.95

Gangbuster returns when José Delgado encounters a deadly situation in the streets of Fawcett City, the side of Captain Marvel. Plus, Darkstar Ferrin Colos is drawn into a planetwide rebellion, and a hostile force threatens Hi-Tech's virtual reality.

SUPERBOY ANNUAL #2

W=K.KESEL & D.KESEL
P=BREWER I=PARKS
E=BREWER/K. KESEL
L=PITTARESE
C=56 PP. MIRAWEEK ■ $3.95

A Year One Annual: Superboy learns from whom he was cloned, and the knowledge may have disastrous long-term effects on his life.

UNDERWORLD UNLEASHED #1

W=WAID P=PORTER I=GREEN
E=PORTER/GREEN L=AUGUSTYN
48 PP. ■ 3-ISSUE MIRAWEEB MINISERIES ■ $2.95

The demonic Neron has a ravenous appetite for human souls. By supercharging the world's super-villains, Earth's ever more desperate heroes are pushed to the breaking point and beyond, where making their own deals with Neron may be the only way of stopping widespread death and destruction. All three issues of the UNDERWORLD UNLEASHED miniseries feature a fluorescent fifth color ink, both for the cover AND for the interior pages.

ANIMANIACS #7

W=VARIOUS E=VARIOUS C=GRAFF
F=STANDARD ■ $1.50

When the Warners' antics send Scratchansniff off to a rubber room, Yakko, Wakko and Dot find that his replacement is a nut-job in need of some serious self-help... Warner-style!

KEY:
W=WRITER
P=PENCILLER
I=INKER
L=ARTIST PENCILLER & INKER, PAINTER
C=COVER ARTIST
E=EDITOR
F=FORMAT

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, ALL SERIES ARE 32 PAGES AND ONGOING.

BATMAN #524

W **DOUGLAS MOENCH** P **KELLEY JONES**
I **J.J. BEATTY** C **KELLEY JONES/J. BEATTY**
D **KATHLEEN O'NEIL**
F **MIRAWEB** ■ $1.75

The Scarecrow lures Batman to an amusement park fun house for a duel of terror.

BATMAN: BROTHERHOOD OF THE BAT

W **DOUGLAS MOENCH** P **VARIOUS**
I **JOSEPH RUBINSTEIN** C **VARIOUS**
D **KATHLEEN O'NEIL**
$2.95 PP. ■ PRESTIGE ONE-SHOT $5.95

Inspired from the designs in BATMAN: KNIGHTGALLERY. In an Elseworlds future, Ra's al Ghul has created a strange league of new Dark Knights who have conquered Gotham. Now the one, true heir to the mantle of the Bat must battle the pretenders and take back his city.

THE DARKSTARS #36

W **PETER B. FRIEDMAN** P **MIKE COLLINS**
I **JOE BRANCH** C **MIKE COLLINS/JOE BRANCH**
D **GUY HERNANDEZ-ROSENBLATT**
F **MANDO** ■ $2.25

The Flash guest-stars as he and Darkstar struggle to return a group of fugitive Minaturan convicts to their Antarctic prison.

EXTREME JUSTICE #10

W **JEFF VELEZ, JR.** P **JERRY RIO** I **JOE BRANCH**
C **JOE BATISTA/WALLACE DIAZ**
D **JOE STANDARD** ■ $1.75

An UNDERWORLD UNLEASHED tie-in: Neron crashes Plastique's bachelorette party with a box of lies for the bride-to-be and an offer for Carol Ferris that the former Star Sapphire can't refuse.

FLASH #107

W **MARK WAID** P **GEORGE JIMENEZ**
I **MARZAN, JR.** C **GEORGE JIMENEZ/MARZAN, JR.**
D **AUGUSTYN**
F **STANDARD** ■ $1.75

An UNDERWORLD UNLEASHED tie-in: Thunder and lightning fight side by side as Captain Marvel teams with the Flash against a Neron-empowered Shadow Thief.

GREEN ARROW ANNUAL #7

W **MIKE DIXON** P **BURCHETT/RENAUD**
I **DAN BARRETO/FERNANDEZ**
C **BURCHETT/BARRETO**
D **PETERSON/VINCENZO**
F **56 PP. MANDO** ■ $3.95

A Year One Annual: Green Arrow Oliver Queen faces Kotero for the first time, a villain with strong secret ties to the Emerald Archer's origin.

ICON #31

W **MARK WAID** P **STAN WOODBRIDGE**
I **STAN TANGHAL** C **MICHAEL CHAYKIN**
D **MATT HOWARTH**
F **FRACOTE** ■ 99¢

All Milestone covers this month are illustrated by Howard Chaykin. This issue of ICON is priced at 99¢, part of MILESTONE's Reader's Choice program: Rocket is the surprise witness at the trial of Earth, but the Galactic Coalition has a surprise of its own.

JUDGE DREDD #16

W **ALAN GRANT** P **STEVE PUGH/STEVE LEVINS** I **JOHN BOLTON/STEVE LEVINS** C **PETER J. SELOGGY**
D **ANNWILLIAMS/M. MILLER** E **ROBERT KUPPERBERG**
F **MANDO** ■ $2.25

A fellow Judge from Dredd's past returns, with a deadly grudge that she's been clinging to for more than half a century.

THE NEW TITANS #127

W **MARV WOLFMAN** P **GEORGE PEREZ/ROSADO**
I **ROMEO TANGHAL** C **ROSADO/BLYBERG**
E **GARCIA-LOPEZ**
F **MANDO** ■ $2.25

"Meltdown" continues: Damage and Arsenal come to blows for the final time, leaving the Titans with a broken leader. Plus, Mirage's new abilities manifest themselves in nightmarish fashion, and Changeling returns to hunt the women he's loved.

PRIMAL FORCE #13

W **DAN SEAGLE** P **JERRY CHOLES**
I **KARL KESEL/KARL BERG** C **JERRY CHOLES/BILL HILLSMAN** E **JOHN SPIVEY**
F **MANDO** ■ $2.25

An UNDERWORLD UNLEASHED tie-in: The demonic Lord Satanus lays an intricate trap for the war-weary Primal Force.

THE SPECTRE #35

W **JOHN OSTRANDER** P **TOM MANDRAKE**
C **TOM MANDRAKE** E **KEVIN RASPLER**
F **MANDO** ■ $2.25

An UNDERWORLD UNLEASHED tie-in: When Jim Corrigan turns down a "deal with the devil," Neron tempts the vengeful Spectre-force with its heart's desire: freedom from Corrigan.

STAR TREK #77

W **MICHAEL RYAN** P **JOE FORBES-SEESE**
I **JOHN HEIKE** C **KARL KRAUSE** E **JOHN CLARK**
F **RACOTE** ■ $2.50

Disabled by Romulans, the Starship *Enterprise*" is left to the "tender" mercies of a new threat that has already attacked Federation outposts along the Neutral Zone.

SUPERBOY #21

W **KARL KESEL** P **TOM GRUMMETT**
I **KEVIN HAZLEWOOD** C **TOM GRUMMETT/KARL KESEL**
E **DOUG PITTARESE**
F **MIRAWEB** ■ $1.95

Part 1 of "Future Tense": The Legion of Super-Heroes travels back to the late 20th century to save the life of Valor. But when Superboy takes their sudden appearance as a threat, all may be lost unless Brainiac 5 takes drastic action. Continued in LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES #74.

SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL #50

W **LOUISE SIMONSON** P **JON BOGDANOVE**
I **KERRY JANKE** C **JON BOGDANOVE/KERRY JANKE**
D **KAREN BERGER/KAREN CARLSON/KAREN CARLIN**
F **48 PP. MIRAWEB** ■ $2.95

"The Trial of Superman" begins in this extra-sized 50th issue: His powers drained by the Parasite, Superman is forced to stand trial for the destruction of Krypton before an intergalactic tribunal. Plus, an alternate timeline from ZERO HOUR seems to be coming true as Alpha Centurion steps in to replace Superman on Earth. Continued in SUPERMAN #106.

VIGILANTE: CITY LIGHTS, PRAIRIE JUSTICE #1

W **JOE J. ROBINSON** P **ED HANNIGAN/SAL AMENDOLA**
I **CHIARELLO** C **DUFFY/GOODWIN**
D **4-ISSUE MIRAWEB MINISERIES** $2.50

When actor Greg Saunders's partner is murdered, he dons the mask of Vigilante, a motorcycle-riding, crime-fighting cowboy who wages an all-out, hard-boiled, two-fisted war with mob kingpin "Bugsy" Siegel.

WONDER WOMAN #103

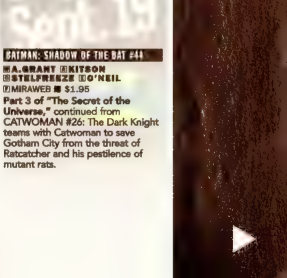
W **JOHN BYRNE** P **JOHN BYRNE**
I **ROBERT KUPPERBERG**
D **MIRAWEB** ■ $1.95

Occurring before the events in THE NEW GODS #1, Wonder Woman and the Amazons must fight for their lives when Darkseid turns Themyscira into a raging battleground in his quest to discover the fate of the Greek gods.

ZOMBI #18

W **ROZUM** P **BIRCH** I **CHAYKIN**
D **McDUFFIE**
F **RACOTE** ■ $2.50

All Milestone covers this month are illustrated by Howard Chaykin. Zombi continues his quest for eternal truth as he and Rabbi Sinnowitz learn firsthand the true nature of...the Serpent's tale. *ZOMBI is suggested for mature readers.*



BATMAN: SHADOW OF THE BAT #44

W **ALAN GRANT** P **NORM BREYFOGLE**
I **KITSON/STELFREEZE** C **DAN GREEN**
D **ROBERTSON**
F **MIRAWEB** ■ $1.95

Part 3 of "The Secret of the Universe," continued from CATWOMAN #26: The Dark Knight teams with Catwoman to save Gotham City from the threat of Ratcatcher and his pestilence of mutant rats.

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BLACK LIGHTNING #10

W:DeVRIES P:O.CARIELLO
I:CHAMPAGNE C:E.NEWELL
L:GARRANT
F:MANDO ■ $2.25

Black Lightning faces the horrific serial killer Sick Nick. And while the city's on alert, the gangs begin to mark their turfs, waiting for the opportunity to shoot at anything that moves.

BLOOD SYNDICATE #32

W:CHICHESTER P:COWAN
I:BRODERICK C:CHAYKIN
L:McDUFFIE
F:FRACOTE ■ $2.50

All Milestone covers this month are illustrated by Howard Cheyldin. It's a bizarre tale of techno-voodoo as the Blood Syndicate faces the menace of Soulbreaker. Guest creative team: writer D.G. Chichester, penciller Denys Cowan and inker Pat Broderick.

GREEN LANTERN #68

W:MARZ P:PELLETIER
I:TANGHAL
C:PELLETIER/TANGHAL
L:DOOLEY
F:STANDARD ■ $1.75

An UNDERWORLD UNLEASHED **tie-in:** Green Lantern faces a supercharged Mr. Freeze as well as a new villain: Purgatory, a man Kyle Rayner tried to "heal" in issue #66 is back — with Neron's help — using Green Lantern's own power against him.

HAWKMAN #26

W:MESSNER-LOEBS P:LIEBER
I:SHOULTZ C:LIM/AUSTIN
L:SPIVEY
F:MANDO ■ $2.25

An UNDERWORLD UNLEASHED **tie-in:** In the midst of the citywide chaos created by Neron, the Scarecrow terrorizes Chicago and pushes an already-unstable Hawkman even further over the edge.

JUSTICE LEAGUE AMERICA #105

W:G.JONES P:WOJTKIEWICZ
I:GERACI C:WOJTKIEWICZ
L:AUGUSTYN
F:STANDARD ■ $1.75

An UNDERWORLD UNLEASHED **tie-in:** A deal with Neron has transformed Deadshot, Bolt, Deadline, Chiller, and Merlyn into the Killer Elite, and their first mission is to show the Justice League the real meaning of "hell on Earth."

LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES #74

W:PEYER/McCRAW P:MODEN
I:BOYD C:A.DAVIS/FARMER
L:CARLSON
F:MANDO ■ $2.25

Part 2 of "Future Tense," continued from SUPERBOY #21: Unwillingly yanked into the 30th century, Superboy must help the Legionnaires against one of his old, old enemies, the Scavenger. Continued in LEGIONNAIRES #31.

LOONEY TUNES #20

W:VARIOUS P:VARIOUS C:GRAFF
F:STANDARD ■ $1.50

It's hunter vs. hunted...and the jury's still out on which is which when Sylvester tries to teach Sylvester Jr. how to trap birds. Beginning with this issue, LOONEY TUNES is now a bimonthly title.

MAD SUPER SPECIAL #108

WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY THE USUAL GANG OF IDIOTS.

F:64 PP. ■ B&W MAGAZINE ■ $3.99

It's wall-to-wall "Joke & Dagger" in the newest MAD SUPER SPECIAL, showcasing the best of "Spy vs. Spy" and featuring a bound-in "Spy Maze" poster, proving once again that MAD has nothing whatsoever to do with Intelligence!

THE NEW GODS #2

W:PEYER/POLLACK P:L.ROSS
I:GARVEY C:L.ROSS C:SIMPSON
L:MIRAWEB ■ $1.95

Darkseid and Orion fight a battle only one will survive, and the repercussions will reach to the ends of the DC Universe.

THE POWER OF SHAZAM! #9

W:ORDWAY P:KRAUSE I:MANLEY
I:ORDWAY C:CARLIN
F:STANDARD ■ $1.75

Black Adam returns to Fawcett City for a showdown with Blaze. Plus, the wizard Shazam collapses under the strain of fighting so much evil at once.

R.E.B.E.L.S. '95 #11

W:PEYER P:AUCOIN P:PROPST
I:AUCOIN/PROPST L:RASPLER
F:MANDO ■ $2.25

An UNDERWORLD UNLEASHED **tie-in:** On Earth, the Ice Man strikes a dark bargain with Neron, while Vril Dox, master manipulator, tries to stay one step ahead of both.

SHOWCASE '95 #11

W:JURGENS/VARIOUS
P:ST. PIERRE/VARIOUS
I:RAMOS/VARIOUS C:JURGENS
L:PITTARESE
F:48 PP. ■ 12/ISSUE STANDARD MINISERIES ■ $2.95

Agent Liberty faces the deadly ultra right-wing "Sons of Liberty." Plus, a psychiatrist learns firsthand about the dangers within **Arkham Asylum**, and the manipulator of **Hi-Tech**'s virtual reality nightmares is revealed.

SOVEREIGN SEVEN #5

W:CLAREMONT I:TURNER
I:J.K.MOORE C:TURNER
L:SIMPSON
F:MIRAWEB ■ $1.95

The murderous rampage of the serial killer known as Skin Dance grows more horrifying as he possesses two FBI agents...and two members of Sovereign Seven.

THE SPECTRE ANNUAL #1

W:STRNADER P:OLIFFE
I:HOVINS C:MANDRAKE
L:RASPLER
F:56 PP. MANDO ■ $3.95

A Year One Annual: During the Golden Age, one of the Spectre's new allies, Kent Nelson, the original Doctor Fate, helps Jim Corrigan come to terms with what he's become...and what he can never be again.

STARMAN #13

W:J.ROBINSON P:T.HARRIS
I:VON GRAWBADGER
C:T.HARRIS
F:MANDO ■ $2.25

Part 2 of "Sins of the Child" is also an UNDERWORLD UNLEASHED **tie-in:** Ted Knight, the Golden Age Starman, must fend off an ambush attack by a Neron-revitalized and augmented Dr. Phosphorus.

SUPERMAN #106

W:JURGENS P:FRENZ
I:RUBINSTEIN
C:JURGENS/RUBINSTEIN
L:CARLSON/CARLIN
F:MIRAWEB ■ $1.95

"The Trial of Superman" continues from SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL #50: The verdict is in: Superman is guilty! While he awaits sentencing, the Man of Steel is thrown into an interstellar prison filled with the galaxy's worst criminals and is forced to witness the brutal execution of an old foe. New regular penciller: Ron Frenz. Continued in ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #529.

SUPERMAN: AT EARTH'S END

W:T.VEITCH C:GOMEZ C:GOMEZ
L:CARLIN
F:48 PP. PRESTIGE ONE-SHOT ■ $4.95

In a nightmarish *Elseworlds* future, the Man of Steel has begun a fight for the memory of one of his oldest allies. If he fails, a new scourge will sweep across the Earth: a monstrous army of bat-men created from the remains of a long dead Dark Knight.

UNDERWORLD UNLEASHED: APOKOLIPS — DARK UPRISING #1

W:KUPPERBERG P:RAFFAELE
I:E.MITCHELL C:RAFFAELE
L:SIMPSON
F:48 PP. MIRAWEB ONE-SHOT ■ $2.95

As UNDERWORLD UNLEASHED unfolds on Earth, events on Apokolips have attracted Neron's notice. Following the events in THE NEW GODS #1 and #2, Darkseid's lieutenants have become locked in a power struggle with Apokolips itself as the ultimate prize. But with Neron pulling the strings, the ultimate prize also carries the ultimate price.

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C:COVER ARTIST
E:EDITOR
F:FORMAT

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ACTION COMICS ANNUAL #7

W MICHELINIE P D.ROBERTSON I VANCATA W B.SIMONSON L CARLIN

32 PP. MIRAWEB ■ $3.95

A Year One Annual: Superman learns the limitations of his awesome power in his first space adventure.

ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #529

W K.KESEL I IMMONEN L MARZAN,JR. C IMMONEN/MARZAN,JR. C CARLSON/CARLIN E MIRAWEB ■ $1.95

"The Trial of Superman" continues from SUPERMAN #106: A prison uprising leads to the escape of several inmates — including Superman, who is chained to the fugitives. Meanhwhile, Superboy, Steel, Supergirl and Alpha Centurion prepare to leave Earth in search of Superman. Continued in ACTION COMICS #716.

THE BATMAN AND ROBIN ADVENTURES #1

W DINI P TEMPLETON I BURCHETT C TEMPLETON L PETERSON

32 STANDARD ■ $1.75

DC relaunches its popular comic book based on the award-winning cartoon with a new title and a new #1 issue. Following the lead of Warner Bros.' *Batman Forever*, THE BATMAN AND ROBIN ADVENTURES premieres with a 2-part Two-Face story in issues #1 and #2, and a self-contained Riddler story in issue #3.

BATMAN: LEGENDS OF THE DARK KNIGHT #77

W A.HAMPTON P S.HAMPTON I GOODWIN E MIRAWEB ■ $1.95

Part 2 of "The Sleeping." While searching for a way out of a strange realm between sleep and death, Batman discovers an unusual river that allows him a brief reunion with his parents, and a glimpse of the life he would have led without the mantle of the Bat.

BATMAN: MANBAT #2

W DELANO A BOLTON P BOLTON L BERGER

48 PP. 3-ISSUE PRESTIGE MINISERIES ■ $4.95

This fully-painted *Elseworlds* miniseries continues: Batman locates Manbat's lair beneath the desert and savage violence erupts, while Kirk Langstrom's wife begins to undergo a shocking metamorphosis. *BATMAN: MANBAT is suggested for mature readers.*

DETECTIVE COMICS #691

W DIXON P G.JOHNSON I HANNA L K.McDANIEL C PETERSON E MIRAWEB ■ $1.95

An UNDERWORLD UNLEASHED tie-in: The Dark Knight faces the new Spellbinder, born of a deal with Neron and possessing the power to create illusions with dangerously concrete effects.

FATE #13

W KAMINSKI P A.WILLIAMS I LANNING C A.WILLIAMS/LANNING E MANDO ■ $2.25

An UNDERWORLD UNLEASHED tie-in: Fate and Sentinel battle Neron's pawn Blaze in a mystic struggle for the Tower of Fate.

THE FLASH: TERMINAL VELOCITY

W WAID P WIERINGO/VARIOUS I MARZAN,JR./BORJAS C WIERINGO/MARZAN,JR. L AUGUSTYN/KAHAN E 192 PP. TPB ■ $12.95

The runaway best-selling storyline is now available in one sensational volume, reprinting the Flash's most astounding adventure from issues #0 and #95-100.

IMPULSE #8

W WAID P H.RAMOS I FAUCHER C H. RAMOS/FAUCHER L AUGUSTYN E STANDARD ■ $1.75

An UNDERWORLD UNLEASHED tie-in: The new and dangerously improved Blockbuster comes gunning for Impulse, who must discover what horrifying price Blockbuster has paid for his new powers.

JUDGE DREDD: LEGENDS OF THE LAW #12

W McGREAL P DOBBYN I KAALBERG C BYRNE L KUPPERBERG E MANDO ■ $2.25

Part 2 of "Dredd of Night": Judge Dredd makes a pact with a vampire in order to hunt down an even deadlier creature of the night.

JUSTICE LEAGUE: TASK FORCE #29

W PRIEST P BERNADO I WALLACE C BERNADO/WALLACE E DIAZ E STANDARD ■ $1.75

There's a contract out on L-Ron for crimes committed by Despero, and mysterious bounty hunter Glenn Gammron is intent on bringing the Task Force hero in, dead or alive.

LEGIONNAIRES #31

W PEYER/McCRAW P MOY I CARANI C MOY/CARANI L CARLSON E MANDO ■ $2.25

Part 3 of "Future Tense," continued from LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES #74: The galaxy prepares for "the Second Coming of Valor," an event that the Legion had tried to keep under wraps until a stray comment from Superboy turns it into a frenzied media event.

NIGHTWING #3

W O'NEIL P LAND I GELLERS C STELFREEZE L CARRANI E 4-ISSUE MANDO MINISERIES $2.25

Caught in the middle of a brutal "genetic cleansing" in the Baltic state of Kravia, Nightwing must uncover the truth behind his parents' murders, escape a Kravian prison deathtrap, and somehow stop the genocide.

OUTSIDERS #24

W M.DARK P C.JONES I HUNT C APARO/JANSON L DOOLEY E MANDO ■ $2.25

The Eradicator joins Superboy, Supergirl, Steel, and Alpha Centurion on a quest to find Superman, leaving the Outsiders to face the return of Eclipso alone. Final issue.

THE RAY #18

W PRIEST P ARMSTRONG I PARKS C ARMSTRONG/PARKS L AUGUSTYN E MANDO ■ $2.25

An UNDERWORLD UNLEASHED tie-in: Atomic Skull makes a bargain with Neron and, bigger and badder than ever, goes gunning for **the Ray.** New regular art team: Jason Armstrong and Ande Parks.

STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION® #27

W FRIEDMAN P G.PURCELL I PALLOT C PURCELL/PALLOT L CLARK E FRACOTE ■ $2.50

Part 1 of "Gateway": A new threat from the Solanagen-based aliens who once kidnapped and tortured the crew of the *Starship Enterprise*™ reveals dangers not only from outside the galaxy, but from within.

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W DUANE P SKELTON I TUOHY C FLEMING L CLARK E 4-ISSUE FRACOTE MINISERIES $2.50

Sinister forces have a political agenda that threatens the life of a planetary leader and the outcome of a Federation-wide spacecraft race. Picard and his crew must avert disaster and unlock the secret hidden within a nearby star.

STATIC #29

W VELEZ,JR. P WILFRED I STANISCI C CHAYKIN L McDUFFIE E FRACOTE ■ $2.50

All Milestone covers this month are illustrated by Howard Chaykin. Static struggles over what to do when he learns that one of his closest friends is a drug dealer, and finds there are no easy answers in this powerful story of friendship and betrayal.

STEEL #21

W L.SIMONSON P GOSIER I FARER C GOSIER/JANKE L PITTARESE E MIRAWEB ■ $1.95

An UNDERWORLD UNLEASHED tie-in: It's an all-out iron war when Metallo, empowered by Neron, arrives in Washington D.C. with one goal: the annihilation of Steel.

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The end of the millennium is nigh, and the world's maddest prophets, cultists and fanatics are frantically converging on a small shattered shack in the Outback. The birth of a new messiah is at hand, foretold in the stars, planets, runes, tokens, entrails, tea leaves, fortune cookies, and mattress tags — and the race is on to find his mother and control his upbringing.

That's what Tank Girl has to contend with in TANK GIRL: APOCALYPSE!, the new 4-issue miniseries from VERTIGO by writer Alan Grant (LOBO), with art by Andy Pritchett (TANK GIRL MOVIE ADAPTATION) and Phil Gascoine (EGYPT), and covers by Brian Bolland. Everyone's favorite anti-heroine is feeling nauseous, bloated, and indifferent to the customary chaos surrounding her. The world is at the brink of destruction, only one person can save it, but that one's mother is far more likely to blow it up herself in a fit of pregnant pique.

TANK GIRL: APOCALYPSE!...Say your prayers.

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"You gonna eat that...?"

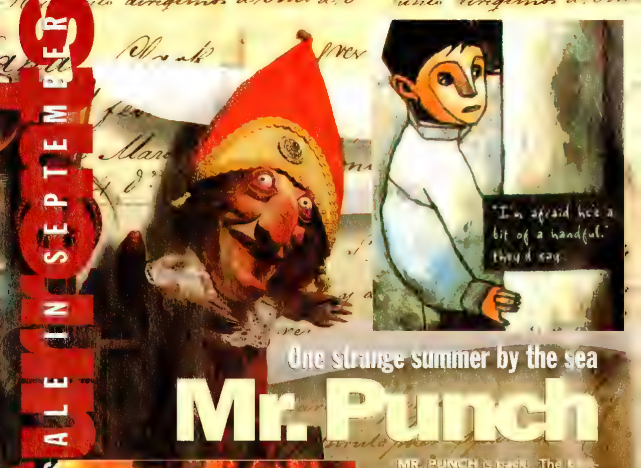
VERTIGO VOICES:

The Eaters

VERTIGO invites you to dig in with the Quills, an average middle-class suburban family who happen to consume human flesh. They're on a cross-country journey in their new Winnebago, voraciously snacking their way across America in the offbeat one-shot, VERTIGO VOICES: THE EATERS.

As Mom, Pop, Rocky, and Cassy set off, the family is tracked by apple pie salesman Hal Reed, who is convinced the Quills had something to do with the disappearance of his partner. Cassy, the young daughter, falls in love (again), but her new boyfriend may well end up in the pot (again). What begins as a twisted sitcom quickly transforms into a black comedy of disturbing appetites and terrifying consequences. This hilarious recipe for gastronomic horror is cooked up by Peter Milligan (SHADE, THE CHANGING MAN, ENIGMA, FACE), and deliciously illustrated by Dean Ormston (THE SANDMAN).

VERTIGO VOICES: THE EATERS...Suggested for mature consumers.



One strange summer by the sea

Mr. Punch

MR. PUNCH is back. The [illegible]-selling and critically acclaimed VERTIGO graphic novel is now [illegible] softcover. Here again is the lyrical tale of childhood wonder, adult pain, and the haunting memories of one long, strange summer by the sea.

In his grandfather's seaside arcade, a young boy encounters a mysterious Punch & Judy man with a dark past, and a woman who makes her living playing a mermaid. As their lives intertwine and their stories unfold, the boy is forced to confront family secrets, strange puppets and a nightmarish world of violence and betrayal. MR. PUNCH is written by Neil Gaiman (THE SANDMAN) and lavishly painted, photographed and constructed by Dave McKean, cover artist on THE SANDMAN and artist of ARKHAM ASYLUM, THE VERTIGO TAROT DECK AND BOOK SET, *Cages*, and Gaiman's collaborator on the Eisner award-winning *Signal to Noise*.

MR. PUNCH...when innocence ends, the nightmare begins.

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Green Candles

The newest Paradox Mystery spins a sinister web of psychological horror. **GREEN CANDLES**, written by novelist Tom DeHaven *(Freaks Amour)* and illustrated by Robin Smith *(Bogeyman)*, follows private investigator John Halting as he examines the strange events surrounding Grace Penny, a woman being terrorized. Someone is mailing her photos of a progressively melting green candle, and Grace is convinced that when the last photo arrives of the candle burned down...her life too will end.

Halting's investigation draws him into a mystery involving a sadistic killer and a dangerous landscape of psychological abuse and satanic rituals, where death may prove to be the most merciful outcome.

GREEN CANDLES...when the flame dies, life is extinguished.

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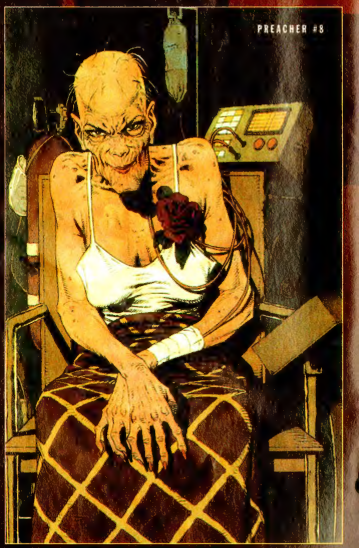
In Other Realms...

Revelations abound as the runaway hit series **PREACHER** from Garth Ennis and Steve Dillon embarks upon its most ambitious and disturbing storyline yet with the 5-part "All in the Family," beginning in issue #8. Tulip learns the long-hidden secrets of Jesse Custer's hellish past as the two return to Texas, only to be kidnapped by Jesse's grandmother — the monstrous Miss Marie L'Angell. Miss Marie has God on her side — literally — and as her prey await their deaths, Jesse at last reveals how he came to be a preacher, the grisly fate of his childhood friend, and why he left Tulip years ago.

Plus, VERTIGO's famed Earth Elemental takes another pivotal step away from his humanity and toward his ultimate destiny in "Atmospheres," a new story arc beginning in **SWAMP THING #160.** While Swamp Thing's recently-acquired elemental abilities attract the attention of powerful other-dimensional forces, Abigail Arcane returns for a tense reunion, and other, menacing forces stalk the swamp. Writer Mark Millar and artists Phillip Hester and Kim DeMulder also introduce us to the Parliament of Vapors and propel Swamp Thing further toward the ultimate embodiment of elemental power.



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THE BOOKS OF MAGIC #18

W RIEBER A GROSS C HALL L ROTTENBERG
P REBAX ■ $2.50

"Playgrounds" continues: Trapped in Governess Vuall's department of Hell, Molly and Tim share their first kiss, while Barbatos reveals his grand plans for taking over the world.

THE INVISIBLES #14

W MORRISON A J.THOMPSON C S.PHILLIPS L S.MOORE
P REBAX ■ $2.50

Part 2 of "Sheman": in the glamorous nightclub world of London, a time-shifting Lord Fanny finds herself drawn to a murderous secret agent — with King Mob in hot pursuit.

MILLENNIUM FEVER #2

W ABADZIS A FEGREDO C FEGREDO L YOUNG
P 4-ISSUE REBAX MINISERIES $2.50

Jerome at long last has lost his virginity...but he can't seem to remember the event. Meanwhile, his nightmares get worse, his family problems escalate, and Maiya has another shock in store for him.

THE SANDMAN #72

W GAIMAN P ZULLI C McKEAN L BERGER
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